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**RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 20, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 20, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Of note, the February 20, 2003 Office Action did not explicitly provide for a shortened statutory period for reply. Nevertheless, further to an August 11, 2003 telephone call from the Examiner, we understand that the February 20, 2003 Office Action should have provided a period of 1 month in which to file a response, i.e., by March 20, 2003. In this regard, a petition for a five-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, a reply to the February 20, 2003 Office Action is now due August 20, 2003 and this Response is being timely filed.